

DON SCN Project Bulletin

Project Name	Update – June 25, 2021	Project Lead Contact
Diabetes		
Virtual Diabetes Prevention Program (VDPP)	<p>vDPP's planning is in full swing, with consultations with Primary Care, Patient Advisors, and Medical Specialists. The implementation plan and evaluations are nearly complete, with the next step being to acquire ethics approval and prepare for participant recruitment.</p> <p>The launch of the vDPP is anticipated for Fall 2021.</p>	alexander.cook@ahs.ca
Diabetes Foot Care Clinical Pathway (DFCCP)	<p>Developed a patient self-foot screening tool and an accompanying care plan for patients to complete a foot screen at home and share results with their provider. This tool will be posted on MyHealth Alberta after pilot test with a PCN</p> <p>Presented to the Calgary PAN PCN meeting on the foot care pathway and the diabetes self-foot screening tool and care plan on June 17, 2021</p> <p>Presentation on the foot care pathway at the Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses on May 22, 2021</p> <p>Adding Foot Screening Tool and reporting functionality into four Electronic Medical Records available July 2021</p>	kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca
Diabetes Eye Care Clinical Pathway (DECCP)	<p>The diabetes eye care pathway resources were named "Resource of the Month" in May in the National Indigenous Diabetes Association website http://nada.ca/</p> <p>New position statement from Diabetes Canada Sight-Loss-Prevention-Diabetes_Position-Statement_April-2021.pdf</p> <p>Alberta Referral Directory (ARD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding all Optometrist (800+) to ARD to increase access for Primary Care referrals, to be completed by end of summer <p>Diabetes Eye Care Research Study further examine demographics and barriers of patients who do not have regular visits to an eye specialist, led by Dr. Sonia Butalia. Patient and health care provider questionnaires and surveys developed.</p>	kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca



<p>Inpatient Diabetes Management</p>	<p>Safer Practice Notice (SPN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Glucose Monitoring Devices in the Acute Care Setting- Effective October 2020 <p>Adult Glycemic Management Policy Suite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy suite revisions with senior leaders for approval Treatment of Hypoglycemia Resource Video My Learning Link Diabetes Module updated; search “<i>basic diabetes</i>” Patient Handout on MyHealthAlberta co-developed with patient advisors; Checking your blood glucose (sugar) level while you’re in the hospital (alberta.ca) <p>Pediatric Glycemic Management Policy Suite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy suite sent to senior leaders for approval and effective date <p>Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial Order set in Connect Care, with clinical decision support tools www.kttoolkit.ca hosts a BBIT implementation strategy with resources to support individual sites (e.g., videos, interactive barrier and facilitator tool, links to www.bbit.ca) 	<p>leta.philp@ahs.ca</p>
<p>Ambulatory Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol</p>	<p>Pediatric Insulin Adjustment Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal review completed, final document with working group for feedback <p>Adult Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial working group- meeting monthly, first draft in review 	<p>leta.philp@ahs.ca</p>
<p>Diabetes Infrastructure for Surveillance, Evaluation and Research (DISER)</p>	<p>With DISER now being live, we are working on maximizing its use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging DISER to inform DON SCN projects (i.e. Diabetes Eye Care Clinical Pathway) Releasing DISER reports to broader audiences (high level public reports, then focused reporting) Continuing to pursue academic research through papers and surveys <p>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/Page13332.aspx</p>	<p>don.scn@ahs.ca</p>
<p>Improving diabetes resources in Alberta for patients and providers</p>	<p>Working in collaboration with MyHealthAlberta to better organize diabetes content</p> <p>Developing the “Diabetes Resource Centre” which will be a consolidation of diabetes links and service information for Alberta</p>	<p>kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca</p>
<p>Obesity</p>		
<p>Bariatric Friendly Hospital Initiative</p>	<p>Version 1.3 of the Guidelines for the Care of Hospitalized Patients with Bariatric Care Needs is now available on the Bariatric Friendly Hospital Initiative website.</p>	<p>carol.kuzio@ahs.ca</p>

	The purpose of these guidelines is to provide staff, students, physicians and administrator's key resources and recommendations to assess and plan safe and sensitive care for patients with obesity who have bariatric care needs.	
New Edmonton Hospital	The DON is participating in a working group to inform bariatric programing for the new Edmonton Hospital	carol.kuzio@ahs.ca
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Malnutrition		
Nutrition Pathways for Primary Care	Implementation of the Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Adults Age 65+ in Red Deer began on June 1. Partners include The Red Deer Primary Care Network, Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre, DON SCN and Nutrition Services. Within the first 2 weeks, 34 seniors have already been screened for risk of malnutrition. Dr. Leah Gramlich will present on malnutrition at the Annual General Meeting of the Red Deer PCN on June 22. Her co-presenters will be Heidi Olstad (Nutrition Services, Central Zone), Monica Morrison (Golden Circle) and Lori Watts (Red Deer PCN) who will provide the physicians with an overview of the Nutrition Care Pathway implementation. The same pathway will also be implemented in Olds and Sundre (Peaks to Prairies PCN) this summer. Information about the initiative has been shared with other Central Zone PCS as well as various stakeholders in other zones. Now beginning to look for opportunities to implement the Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Hospital to Community Transitions.	marlis.atkins@ahs.ca
AHS Tools and Resources to Combat Malnutrition	https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page15661.aspx	

Indigenous		
<p>The Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities</p>	<p>The Kidney Health Check is a screening, triage, and treatment protocol for chronic kidney disease, high blood pressure and diabetes developed for Indigenous communities in Alberta. This protocol is adapted from the First Nation Community Based Screening to Improve Kidney Health and Prevent Dialysis (FINISHED) program in Manitoba, which showed improved health outcomes of Indigenous peoples as a result of early identification of disease and initiation of care plans proven to slow the progression of chronic kidney disease.</p> <p>This project was initiated by the Kidney SCN and has been transferred to the DON SCN to lead.</p> <p>(15) Patient Engagement Journal Club May 2021 – YouTube</p> <p>The Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities approach is developed to combine Indigenous traditional and mainstream ways to care, where precision medicine is achieved by the co-creation of ‘bundles’. Bundles are sacred and can represent healing, protection and serve as a guide to live a health life. The co-creation of ‘care bundles’, ‘community bundles’ and ‘personal bundles’ ensures that evidence-based care is integrated with culturally relevant practices. Evidence-based care is aligned with the healing factors that already exist within the community and in the person living with disease, thereby targeting and addressing the specific needs of each individual.</p> <p>(15) Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities. – YouTube</p> <p>By combining these two initiatives to Creating Harmony in Kidney and Diabetes Care, we will be able to co-design care bundles with content expert in the areas of chronic kidney disease and diabetes, as well as with on- and off-reserve program leaders in chronic disease prevention and management. The community bundles will include the specific beliefs, the traditions, and the knowledge available in the community related to supporting individuals with or at risk of chronic kidney disease and diabetes. It will provide a way to identify the tools, programs and services that are already available and how to access these. The personal bundles serve as a personal care plan and are intended to support each individual live a good life with a chronic disease, to support at-risk individuals in the preventing chronic disease, or the progression of disease for those who live with the chronic condition.</p> <p>We hope to co-create a continuum of care patient flow, founded in Kidney and Diabetes care, from screening to treatment options. This will also include considerations for prevention, ongoing management and self-management supports.</p>	<p>lene.jorgensen@ahs.ca</p>

Virtual Health


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AHS Virtual Health Strategy 2021-2024




Provincial Virtual Health Evaluation Framework:

- Work has been initiated, and the DON SCN is participating to inform the framework and represent the work this SCN initiated in the fall of 2020 related to evaluation of CDM programs and services.




Evaluation:

- Patient Experience Survey: final draft being reviewed and validated.
- Patient Experience Questionnaire: adoption of Health Literacy Questionnaire being analyzed and discussed.




Platforms:

- Development of patient experience survey in RedCap, and report in Tableau, to begin



Website:

- Work underway to optimize access, awareness, navigation, content, and provincial standardization of the Alberta Health Living Program website.



Guiding Principles or Provider Tools/ Supports:

- Review of literature, evidence, existing resources underway to determine what additional tools would benefit providers in a virtual chronic disease care setting.

Other Resources and Publications

<p>AHS COVID Resources and Links</p>	<p>Includes information on Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition</p> <p>Covid 19 Resources for Specific Health Conditions</p> <p>COVID-19 Getting Healthy after COVID-19 Alberta Health Services</p>
<p>Diabetes Canada and other Diabetes webinars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes Canada: Alberta Peer Connect Speaker Series Alberta, NWT, Northeast BC Peer Connect: Type 1 & Type 2 - Diabetes Canada • Diabetes Canada: 2021 Professional Conference (virtual)- Registration Open 2021 Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference - Diabetes Canada